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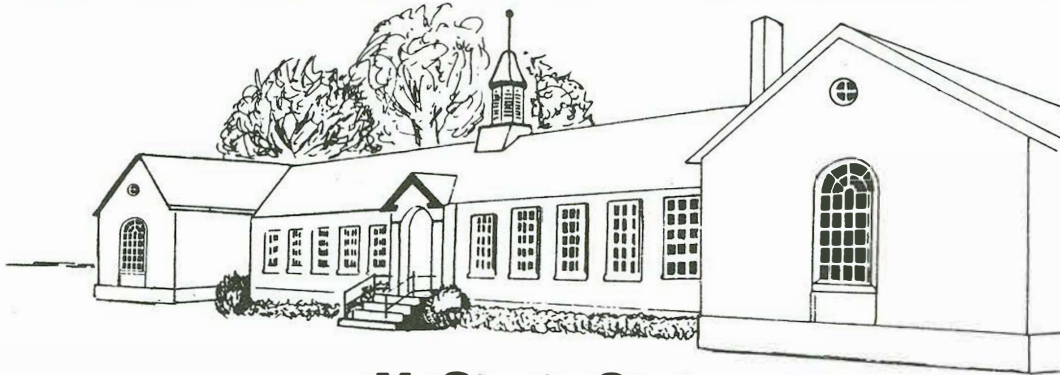
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**McGinnis Center**

**October 21, 1986**

## **CLEAN SWEEP**

On Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m., the Student Association and the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations will kick off its annual fall Clean Sweep at the McGinnis Center. In cooperation with city officials, the Second District Police, and the Brown Street Business Association, there will be a massive one-hour clean-up campaign of the off-campus streets, alleys, lots, and the surrounding area.

Clean Sweep is an organized project to get groups and individuals to clean the UD off-campus area. Last spring 24 organizations, over 600 students, helped out with this worthy cause. Once again, cash prizes will be donated by the Student Association and the Off-Campus Housing Office. The three organizations that involve the largest number of participants will receive \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively according to size. In addition, the organization that has the highest percent of participation according to the list of names that was turned in to the Student Association at the time of sign-up will receive \$100. To be eligible to win, all presidents are asked to arrive at the McGinnis Center at 9:30 a.m. to present their final membership roster to the Student Association. Organizational presidents will also be required to sign up a week in advance in the SA Office, KU-236.

In conjunction with Clean Sweep, a paper drive for the Volunteer Insulation Program will be going on. Prizes for the organization bringing in the most newspapers will be awarded.

As in the past, most of the clean-up will come from the student body. But a special thanks must go out to the Second District Police Department for their participation. Their active involvement in Clean Sweep goes a long way in showing their good working relationship and friendship with the University and student body. Also, the Brown Street businesses' donation of non-cash prizes, to be awarded following the Clean Sweep, and their helping hands, are greatly appreciated. In addition, Koogler Suburban Refuse Removal and the Southeast Priority Board must be congratulated for their continued support.

The Clean Sweep will go on rain or shine. So come on over to the McGinnis Center on November 1, join in the "sweep" and enjoy juice and donuts following the event.



# Help House Update

Anyone in need of aid for health, personal safety, or assistance in an emergency, will find a friendly and responsive person behind a Help House door. Such homes are a very important safety measure in the off-campus area. They can be easily recognized by their display sticker: red and blue symbols for man and woman.

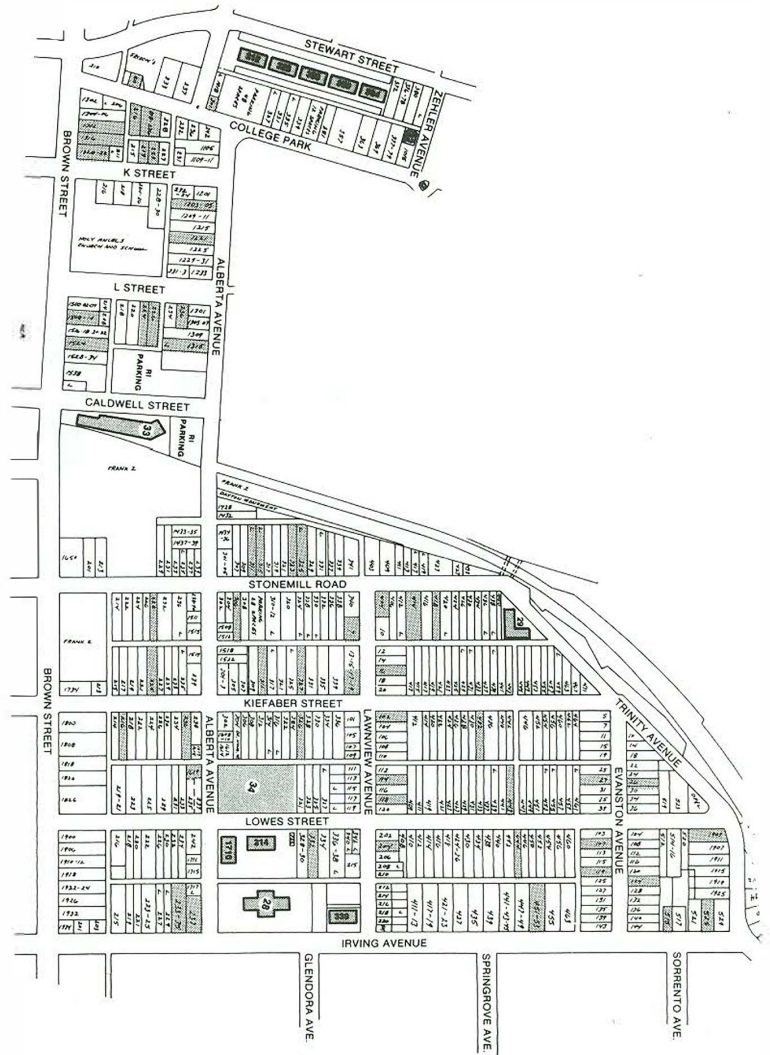
This year there are 60 Help Houses in the off-campus area. The map below indicates the location of Help Houses throughout the off-campus area. Please take time to familiarize yourself with those located near you or on your route to classes, the library or your friends' houses. If a situation should arise, do not hesitate to knock and ask for help.

If your house displays a Help House sticker, stop at the McGinnis Center to register or please remove the sign at the end of the 1986-87 school year.

Other Help House locations not shown on the map include:

325 Alberta  
755 Irving, No. 4

60 Anderson  
107 Woodland



## Open Ear...

Many people ask me what is so special about the University of Dayton. (This probably a response to my bragging about it for the last four years since I graduated.) In having to answer this question so often, I have been able to ponder on the University and what makes it unique. I have been to many other universities and colleges in the past eight years. Sometimes to visit relatives and friends. Other times because of workshops or seminars. And odd though it may seem, a vacation with our family is not complete until a visit to a college campus is included. So I have been around this great big world and I have seen a lot of campuses and UD has something that no other has--A GHETTO.

Now I know that our extended campus area is not always looked on favorably by some people. And I know that there are problems in the area. But I feel that the benefits outweigh the negative components. Let me tell you what I see as some of the strengths of the Ghetto and then some of the weaknesses. There is a special spirit at UD which is aided by our having our unique community. Although I have not studied Sociology much, I have studied the formation of community. And I do believe that the Ghetto has many attributes of a real community. There is a lot of caring for others that goes on in the Ghetto. There is a lot of growing which comes from living with others and sharing life's problems and Ohio Bell phone bills. When someone needs help, there are always alot of others who are willing to give you their time and support. And they are only a block or two away. They understand about landlords and slanting floors, and of course about freezing winters because of no insulation. There is a general feeling of 'we are all in this together'.

But most importantly, friends are not divided by miles and miles when they decide to move out of the dorms. I have friends who went to other universities who had a different set of friends each year. It would only be by chance that you could

get apartments close to each other. So often times one fell out of touch with friends who lived far away. I don't think that happens too much around here. In my time and still today, I hear of people who are living their senior year with the same people they became friends with during their first year at UD.

So there is a lot of good happening in the area, and as off-campus minister I will be supporting that and encouraging it to continue and grow. But we can get caught up in the good which we are already and do not challenge ourselves to be better. I would suggest that we think about how the Ghetto could be better and what things people in the ghetto could do with Campus Ministry to make it an even better, more caring christian Community.

Also I would suggest that we do not take what we have for granted and abuse it. That is one of the weaknesses of the area. I saw it when I was a student here and I see it today. People act like the area can be used and thrown away. Just because so many of the landlords have no respect or pride in their homes, does not mean that we have to do the same. For as I see it, we have a special situation at Dayton that allows for a unique living experience while we get a good education. As a graduate and once resident of the Ghetto, I would not want to see it disappear.

Patti Tausch  
Campus Minister

**Feature on . . .**

## **Patti Trausch**

*Each month the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations will use this space to feature people who live in this area and/or make an impact through their concern and service to the extended campus area.*

This month's feature story focuses on Patti Trausch. A graduate of the University of Dayton in 1982, she has just returned to the campus community. After four years of working with youth ministry, she came back to the University of Dayton to answer a calling "that every UD grad has", to work with the Campus Ministry in her new position as Off Campus Minister and Coordinator of Campus Retreats.

Patti was born in the town of Ridgewood located in Bergen County, New Jersey. For her first seven years, she and her family lived in the nearby town of Waldwick. At age seven, her parents decided to move the family to Arlington Heights, Illinois, home of the famous Arlington Heights horse track and the one-million dollar Arlington Horse Race. Patti comes from a large family by today's standards. She has one brother, three sisters, and a dog named Tara. Her brother Jim is the oldest. He presently lives in Chicago and is a practicing attorney. Next is Meg who works for the Illinois Foundation raising funds for the University of Illinois. Next is Patti. Following Patti is Laura, who like her mother, is a teacher in a northwest suburb of Chicago. Last is Maria who is a sophomore at the University of Illinois. Patti's father works for USF&G selling probate insurance bonds, but "he is really an artist at heart."

After her family moved to Illinois, Patti attended some "very famously" named schools, Edgar Allen Poe Elementary School and James Fenimore Cooper, Jr. High before she graduated from Buffalo Grove High School. While in high school, Patti was on the drill team and in the Speech Club. She was also a Candy Striper. Her greatest achievement in high school was receiving the Latin Award for the Most Outstanding Latin student.

Following high school she decided to come to the University of Dayton because of its Catholic tradition and "it has a football and basketball program." "The best thing I ever did was to come to the University of Dayton, it's just the right size." It was also far enough away from home so that she couldn't go home every weekend. While at UD, she became a sister in Delta Omega Tau sorority. Not only is she a sister, but she was one of the founding sisters. After living in Marycrest for two years, Patti moved off campus to a house on Woodland her junior year and onto Evanston her senior year.

Following graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in Religious Studies from UD, Patti worked with the Apostolic Volunteer Sinsanawa Dominican Sisters for one year. During that year she lived with the sisters and taught at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Her most famous pupils were the children of the singing group, the Commadores. For the next three years she worked for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish of Chicago in youth ministry. During this time she also worked on her masters at Loyola Institute of Pastoral Studies. It was after that she heard her calling to come back to UD.

She hasn't noticed many changes since returning to UD except a few houses were razed. "The atmosphere is still very friendly, it's a real community orientation, like one big family. On the whole, the professors care for the students and demonstrate it." One change she has noticed is that "college students are much more conservative."

Patti can normally be found in her office in Liberty Hall or some evenings in Campus South. "People are welcome to come, visit, and chat. I am very interested in ideas regarding Campus Ministry in the Ghetto; I would love to hear them."



**First There was "Live-Aid"  
Then came "Farm-Aid"**

**Now there's - HANDS ACROSS THE GHETTO**

**Kick-Off - Hunger Awareness Week**

**Friday, November 14  
3:00 - 3:15 - LINE UP**

**Followed by Tailgate & DJ  
at the McGinnis Center**

**Reserve Your Place in Line**

**Sign up at McGinnis Center,  
Campus Ministry Office, Campus South,  
Chapel**



## **Remember... Safety First**

With the pleasant weather and friendliness of the off campus area, there comes a desire to be outdoors and to walk or jog alone. The Office for Student Development and the Housing Office would like to remind students not to walk alone on or off campus. People should always walk in groups and in lighted areas. Remember, "there is safety in numbers."

It has also come to the attention of the Student Development and Housing Offices that students are admitting strangers into their homes and apartments. If someone comes to your door, inquire as to who they are and what they want. Don't just tell them to "come in." Reasonable caution, locked doors and windows will assist everyone in avoiding dangerous situations.

If you should find yourself in a situation alone, and no other arrangements can be made, there is a campus security escort service available from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Just call 229-2121.

## **Upcoming Events**

- OCTOBER 22 Homecoming Queen Skits  
Boll Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 23 Homecoming Queen Skits  
Boll Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 24 Homecoming Plaza Party  
KU Plaza, 8 p.m. to midnight
- 25 Homecoming Dance: "Masquerade"  
Wampler Ballarena, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- Football Game: Frostburg  
Welcome Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 1 Football Game: West Virginia Wesleyan  
Away, 1:30 p.m.
- 7-9 Parents' Weekend
- 7 Parents' Weekend Packet Pick-up  
McGinnis Center, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 8 Parents' Weekend Packet Pick-up  
McGinnis Center, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- 8 Football Game: Ferrum  
Welcome Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- 12 UAO Euchre Tournament  
Kennedy Union, Dewberry Lounge,  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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## **McGinnis Center Hours**

Sunday — Noon to Midnight

Monday thru Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to Midnight

Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.